



STATE HOMELESS COORDINATING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Sept 7, 2016 2:00 P.M.
Kletting Room (East Senate Building, Level 1)

Attendees

Lt. Governor Cox, Chair
Jonathan Hardy, Co-Chair
Pamela Atkinson
Jon Pierpont
Mayor Ben McAdams
Mayor Jackie Biskupski
Angelica Rosa
Nick Tarbet
Russell Weeks
Lynell Smith
Jeff Ojeda
Sheila Walsh-McDonald
Matt Melville
Duncan Evans
Shaleane Gee
Dan Adams

Jennifer Steele
Dr. Joseph Miner
Elizabeth Buehler
Hector Zumaeta Santiago
Nate McDonald
Bryan Nader
Robert Wesemann
Matt Minkevitch
Dan Schuring
Robert Snarr
Sisifo Taatiti
Michael Green
Lana Stohl
Kris Mecham
Gail Miller

Staff

Tamera Kohler
Katherine Smith
Ashley Barker-Tolman
Patrick Frost
Andrew Gray
Karen Quackenbush
Michele Kennington

I. Welcome and Approval of Minutes (Lt. Governor Spencer J. Cox)

Lt. Governor Spencer J. Cox welcomed everyone around the table and asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Kris Mecham made and Robert Wesemann seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the August 10, 2016 State Homeless Coordinating Committee (SHCC) meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

II. Midvale Funding Award - Voting Item (Jonathan Hardy)

Jonathan Hardy handed out and presented to the SHCC the staff funding recommendations of \$285,000 for capital improvements to the Midvale Shelter – \$52,000 has already been allocated.

Mayor Ben McAdams made and Lana Stohl seconded the motion to approve the staff funding recommendations for capital improvements to the Midvale Shelter. The motion carried unanimously.

III. 13th Annual Homeless Summit – October 12th (Tamera Kohler)

Tamera Kohler handed out and discussed an overview of the 13th Annual Homeless Summit taking place on October 12, 2016 at the Sheraton Salt Lake City Hotel. Presenters include Lt. Governor Spencer J. Cox, Nan Roman - CEO of National Alliance to End Homelessness, and Jonathan Hardy – Director of Housing and Community Development Division.

IV. Plan to Minimize Homelessness in Salt Lake County (Jonathan Hardy, Mayor Ben McAdams, Mayor Jackie Biskupski)

Jonathan Hardy, Mayor Ben McAdams and Mayor Jackie Biskupski handed out and presented to the SHCC the Plan to Minimize Homelessness in Salt Lake County. There are two

documents in the packet: a “road map” detailing the process, and a budget draft. The primary objectives will be to reduce the demand on shelter beds, to implement a shelter diversion program for single individuals - adding to the family diversion program, and to improve public safety around the Rio Grande.

David Litvack presented on behalf of Mayor Jackie Biskupski regarding the site selection process for the new homeless resource centers, per House Bill 436. Salt Lake County has been working with the community to prioritize the criteria for the sites. They will then purchase properties within Salt Lake City that meet the criteria. They will have up to five sites identified; then, engage the public in deciding what sites work best to meet homelessness needs. The goal is to have two sites to recommend to the Mayor and the City Council. They will then decide whether the city will have two larger facilities – one for single men, one for single women - totaling 500 beds; or, additional smaller facilities totaling 500 beds.

Mayor Ben McAdams discussed the action plan to prevent and minimize homelessness. The goal is to avoid moving people into and rapidly moving people out of homeless shelters. The plan also focuses on making smaller homeless facilities, rather than larger ones, and to reduce the need of The Road Home. The plan was presented to numerous stakeholders, public meetings, the Salt Lake City Council and the Salt Lake County Council. It has been given much support and will continue to make changes as feedback is received.

Jonathan Hardy discussed the key concepts of the plan, which are designed to implement the measures detailed in House Bill 436. The goal is to reduce the overall demand on shelter beds. This can be accomplished by providing supportive services and permanent housing to long-term shelter users, as described on the “road map” and budget draft. Data will be gathered, and placed on a dashboard, to make sure the plan is effective.

Mayor McAdams explained that Salt Lake County is in the process of developing a required Coordinated Entry Assessment tool to diagnose the needs of those coming to shelters and connect them to services. They are working with The Shelter The Homeless Board - owners of the Road Home, Midvale Shelter and Palmer Court – to repurpose the shelters and support the reformation efforts. At the next SHCC meeting, there will be a detailed presentation of the proposal to The Shelter The Homeless Board.

Mayor Jackie Biskupski added that the Salt Lake City Council is possibly in favor of having three to five smaller shelter facilities with a total of 500 beds, rather than two larger facilities with a total of 500 beds. They will decide by the end of November to ease the site selection process. The plan is to break ground during the Spring of 2017.

Lt. Governor Cox commended the work being done by the State, the County and the City as Utah continues to be a leader in providing services to the homeless. He encourages using their resources collaboratively to accomplish the goals set forth.

V. Calendar

- a. Next scheduled SHCC Board Meeting - Nov. 9, 2016

Lt. Governor Cox asked for a motion to adjourn the SHCC meeting. Mayor Jackie Biskupski made and Dr. Joseph Miner seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.